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To: Affiliated Federations
Council and Commission Members
Organisers of World Championships
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Circular No. 8 of 2013

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This Circular covers the following items:

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1. 2013 FISA Ordinary Congress in Chungju, Korea

This congress took place on Monday, 2 September 2013 in Chungju, Korea. The main decisions are summarised as follows:

- **Elections**
 - Denis Oswald (SUI) was re-elected President of FISA by acclamation. He announced that he will step down in July 2014.
 - Jean-Christophe Rolland (FRA) was elected to succeed Denis Oswald when he steps down next July. The result of the vote was 117 votes for Rolland, 50 for John Boulton and 12 for Tricia Smith.
 - Tricia Smith (CAN) was elected to the position of Vice President with 98 votes to take over from Anita DeFrantz (USA) who received 80 votes.
 - Mike Williams (GBR) was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

- For the Commission Chair positions on the Executive Committee, the Council proposed Mike Tanner (HKG) who received 168 votes, John Boulton (AUS) who received 146 votes and the Chair of the Athletes Commission Lenka Wech (GER) who received 130 votes. 90 votes was an absolute majority.
- The above mentioned elections take effect on 1 January 2014.
- The **2015 World Rowing Under 23 Championships** were attributed to Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Provisional dates are 22 to 26 July 2015.
- The **2017 World Rowing Championships** were attributed to Sarasota/Bradenton, USA. Provisional dates are under discussion.
- The **2018 World Rowing Championships** were attributed to Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Provisional dates are 2 to 9 September 2018.
- The **2014 Ordinary Congress** will take place on Monday, 1 September 2014 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- The Congress accepted the membership application from five **new national rowing federations**: Benin, Botswana, Mali, Saudi Arabia and St. Vincents and Grenadines. FISA now has 142 member national rowing federations.

2. 2016 Olympic Qualification System for Rowing

In Chungju, the Council reported that FISA is asked by the IOC to submit the proposed 2016 Olympic Qualification System for Rowing by the end of October. The Council asks for comments and suggestions from the National Federations to be received by **15 October 2013**. The 2012 System was attached to a previous circular for reference.

3. FISA Council Decisions made in Chungju

- The Council attributed the **2016 World Rowing Masters Regatta** to Copenhagen, Denmark. Provisional dates are 8 to 11 September 2016. It also attributed the **2017 World Rowing Masters Regatta** to Bled, Slovenia. The provisional dates for that event are 7 to 10 September 2017.

- The Council also announced the attribution of the second and third stages of the **2015 and 2016 World Rowing Cup regatta** series to:

2015 World Rowing Cup regattas

Second Stage: 19 to 21 June 2015 – Varese, Italy

Third Stage: 10 to 12 July 2015 – Lucerne, Switzerland

2016 World Rowing Cup regattas

Second Stage: 27 to 29 May 2016 – Lucerne, Switzerland

Third Stage: 17 to 19 June 2016 – Poznan, Poland

The first stages of these series regattas will be opened for bidding (see next point below)

- The Council attributed the **2015 World Rowing Coastal Championships for Clubs** to Lima, Peru. Provisional dates are 27 to 29 March 2015.

4. Re-opening of Bids for the 1st stage of the 2015 and 2016 World Rowing Cup regattas

FISA is re-opening the bid process for the first stage of the 2015 and 2016 World Rowing Cup regattas because the Council has decided not to stage the first stage of the series in the southern hemisphere in these years.

- First Stage of 2015 – 8 to 10 May 2015
- First Stage of 2016 – 15 to 17 April 2016

Any national federations interested in bidding to host one or more of the above regattas should request bidding information by **15 October 2013** from Nathalie Phillips on email nathalie.phillips@fisa.org .

5. 2013 World Rowing Youth Coaches Conference

This conference will be held in Hamburg, Germany, from 24th to 27th October 2013 as Hamburg will be hosting the 2014 World Rowing Junior Championships. Please visit the website: www.wrjch2014.com for information on the conference

For more information or registration please contact Gerhard Meyboden at competition.oc@alsterclub.de , Tel. +49 171 640 4748 or Fax +49 40 737 5519.

Please pass this message to any interested coaches of youth rowers.

6. 2013 World Rowing Coaches Conference

The Estonian Rowing Association will be hosting this conference. The conference will be held from Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th November 2013 in Tallinn, Estonia. Over the course of the conference, there will be an opportunity to hear from a range of topical speakers including successful Olympic coaches. The provisional programme is found here:

<http://www.soudeliit.ee/index.php/en/fisa-coaches-conference-2013/schedule>

For complete information, please check this website:

<http://www.soudeliit.ee/index.php/en/fisa-coaches-conference-2013/event>

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On Saturday night there will be a Gala Dinner at which the annual FISA World Rowing Awards will be presented. The dress code will be jacket and tie for men and dresses for women.

7. Nominations for 2014 World Rowing Event Juries

National Federations are invited to nominate umpires to serve on the juries for the 2014 FISA events (please see the attached nomination form).

National Federations should ensure that any umpire nominated is definitely able to attend the event concerned. FISA provides a small travel subsidy for all of the above mentioned events with the exception of the national umpires at World Cup regattas. The deadline for nominations with complete contact information for the nominated umpire (including email address) to be received at FISA headquarters is **15 December 2013**. Please use the attached form.

8. 2014 International Regatta Calendar, 2014 Masters International Regatta Calendar and 2015 Provisional International Regatta Calendar

Applications for the inclusion of regattas in the above mentioned calendars must be received at FISA headquarters **by 31 October 2013**. Application forms are found at this link to the website:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/fisa/resources/fisa-circular>

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments